



NEWSLETTER

2 May 2024

Principal's Office

Dear Parents and caregivers,

Thank you to all our parents who were able to make it to the ANZAC Parade down Mary Street last Thursday morning. We had approximately 100 students and 15 staff members participating. It is a wonderful way to support our returned soldiers and all the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. Lest we Forget!

Our Next P and C Meeting is on Monday May 13 at 5:30pm in our staff room in the main admin building. After recent discussions we will be discussing our school attendance guidelines and our Student Code of Conduct to ensure parents still agree to the school's proposed strategies and procedures. We would love to see parents there so we ensure we are meeting the needs of our school community.

Semester 1 report cards

As we continually look to find ways to improve our report cards by making our comments more personalised so you understand how your child is going and what you can do to help them further. This year, we will be having only one comment at the end of the report capturing your child's strengths and ways to help them to become the best learner they can be.

We will be sending reports home in the last week of school on Thursday, June 20. Should you want to discuss your report card with your classroom teacher please contact them to make a suitable time.

Respecting others

'Respect' means treating everyone and everything with care. The golden rule is to treat others the way you would like to be

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treated. You can show respect for your classmates, parents and teachers in many ways – how you speak to them, how you behave towards them and how you look after your belongings and the personal belongings of others. You also need to know, how to respect yourself.

When you respect others, you show them that you care about them. You can do this by treating everyone with kindness. If you respect others, your parents, teachers and friends will respect you. This helps to make your school a happy place to be.

No-one is the same. Everyone is special and should be treated with respect. Think about all the ways that families and your classmates are different. Being different makes school interesting. Learn more about:

- your feelings and the feelings of other people
- how to be a good friend
- how to be respectful at home
- where to get help when things go wrong

Sourced: <https://studentwellbeinghub.edu.au/students/primary/foundation-year-1/topics/respecting-others/>



Deputy's Desk

Welcome to the end of Week 3 South Families.....

As you know our school is a PBL school which means that for support around behaviour and engagement we use a structure that is positive and proactive in teaching expectations to be successful at school. PBL stands for Positive Behaviour for Learning and underpins everything that we do at South. You will see our signs around the school and our learners talking about South Stars (just a few things) – so it is something that we all live and breathe.

I have taken the PBL section from our Student Code of Conduct document, to share with our families as PBL is not only for our learners, but for our staff and for our South community and families. It is all about making sure that everyone at South feels safe and secure in their environment and with their learning.

PBL EXPECTATIONS

Our staff are committed to delivering a high quality of education for every student, and believe all adults in the school, whether visiting or working, should meet the same 3 Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) expectations in place for students, being Safe, being Respectful and being a Learner.

Students

Below are examples of what these PBL expectations look like for students across the school. In addition, each classroom will have their own set of examples to help students and visitors understand the expectations and meet the standards we hold for everyone at Gympie South State School

Safe

- Listen and follow ALL staff/adult instructions immediately.
- Ask permission to leave.

- Hand and feet to yourself.
- Wear uniform.

Respectful

- Be helpful.
- Speak kindly and use manners.
- Knock to enter
- Be an active listener.

Learner

- Be an active participant.
- Get along with peers.
- Be organised.

Parents and staff

The table below explains the PBL expectations for parents when visiting our school and the standards we commit to as staff.

<i>What we expect to see from you</i>	<i>What you can expect from us</i>
You make an appointment to speak with the Class Teacher or Principal to discuss any matters relating to your child.	We will respond as soon as practicable to your request for an appointment and negotiate a mutually agreeable date and time with you.
You are respectful in your conversations at home about school staff.	We will ensure positive behaviours are role modelled for all students.
You leave and collect your child from the designated area at school.	We will give clear guidance about a designated area for parents to leave and collect students.
You respect the obligation of staff to maintain student and family privacy.	We will maintain confidentiality about information relating to your child and family.
You ensure your children attend school every day and notify the school promptly of any absences or changes in contact details.	We will create a safe, supportive and inclusive environment for every student.
You recognise people are different and will be non-judgemental, fair and equitable to others in the school community.	We will welcome and celebrate a diverse school community with recognition of significant social, cultural and historical events.
You support your child to meet the learning and behavioural expectations at school.	We are clear about our learning and behavioural expectations, and contact you to provide regular feedback about your child's progress.
You stay informed about school news and activities by reading the school newsletter, Facebook and other materials sent home by school staff.	We will use the electronic school newsletter as the primary means of notifying parents about school news, excursions or events.
You approach the Class Teacher or Principal if you are concerned about the behaviour of a staff member, another student or parent.	We will work with every family to quickly address any complaints or concerns about the behaviour of staff, students or other parents.
You share relevant information about your child's learning, social and behavioural needs with school staff.	We will share relevant information with you about your child's learning, social and behavioural progress at school.
You respect school, student and staff privacy in your online communications.	We will act quickly to address social media issues that affect staff, students or families.
You seek out opportunities to provide positive feedback to the classroom teacher about their work with the class, a student or colleagues.	We will work closely with families to accommodate their personal needs, including work commitments, finances and family structure.
You help your child to see the strengths and benefits in diversity and difference in their classmates.	We will promote every child's individuality and build a cohesive, inclusive classroom and school culture.
You notice when others need help, parents, staff and students, and ask if there is anything you do to assist.	We will check in with you about your child's needs or any support your family may require.



Thank you for taking the time to read this and thank you for supporting us in ensuring the best learning outcomes are achieved for your children.

- Mrs A

Library

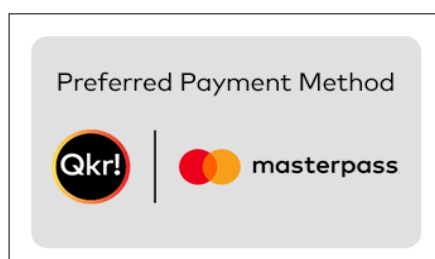


We are happy to invite all Gympie South students to join in the 2024 Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC). The aim of the challenge is to encourage children to read widely for pleasure and for learning. The challenge commences on May 7th and finishes on August 23rd. Reading independently and shared reading both count towards the challenge. Students in Prep to Year 2 are also able to record books that they have read to them.

All students will be bringing home information on the PRC and their individual reader record form this week.

Remember to keep your student's reading record form in a safe place and record your book titles as they are completed.

Happy Reading!



Office Update

ACTIVITY PAYMENT DUE DATES	
DUE DATE	DETAILS
03.05.24	Year 4 Wildlife HQ
06.05.24	Interschool Chess Tournament
23.05.24	School Photos

Upcoming Events

UPCOMING EVENTS	
DATE	DETAILS
03.05.24	Year 5 Ocean Life Incursion
09.05.24	Mother's Day Stall
10.05.24	Year 4 Wildlife HQ
16.05.24	Gympie Show Visit

Celebrating Student Success

PREP	Declan S	Jade	Saxon S	Noah V
	Ali O	Xander M	Skyla F	Vincent
Year 1	Harlo			
	Nevaeh			
Year 2	Nevaeh W	Harrison P		
	Ethan L	Gianna W		
Year 3	Aleera D	Lakyn K		
	Travis	Mikayla T		
Year 4	Willow	Theodore M	Tiarna	
	Esther-Rose M	Jacoby B		
Year 5	Memphis	Kovi T	Nylila C	
	Indy	Skye-Lisa S	Nina D	
Year 6	Travis J	Abby K		
	Patience M	Lacey H		

What's Next

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

Gympie South State School

Day of Photography

23/05/2024

1. Please wear your full school uniform
2. Please place your order online before the day of photography
- Go to www.advancedlife.com.au and enter this code:
VR5 2GM EQN
3. Payment can be made using Visa, Mastercard or PayPal
4. If you are unable to order online, please hand your completed order envelope directly to the photographers on the day of photography

If you have any queries concerning school photographs and ordering, please contact *advancedlife* directly:
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school photography & print specialists



2024 Year 6 into 2025 Year 7 Transition Important Dates

Enrolments for 2025 open	Wednesday 17 April
Scholarship applications for 2025 open	Wednesday 17 April
Enrolments and Scholarships close for 2025 at 4PM	Friday 12 July
Out of catchment applicants advised of the principal's decision	Monday 15 July
Scholarship applicants advised if they have been shortlisted	Wednesday 17 July
Parents will be contacted to schedule enrolment/scholarship interviews	Monday 22 July through to Friday 2 August
Enrolment/Scholarship interviews	Monday 29 July through to Friday 23 August
Scholarship offers made; parents will be contacted	Wednesday 7 August
Scholarships will be awarded to the recipients during their primary school parade (parents will be notified of the date and time)	Monday 26 August through to Friday 6 September
Open Afternoon – 4PM – school tour and important information for Year 7 2025 families. (Only those that have attended an enrolment interview will be eligible to attend) (more information to follow)	Tuesday 3 September, 4PM
RSVP cut-off date for scholarship recipients attending the Junior Awards Presentation	Friday 11 October
Junior Awards presentations at Gympie State High School in Hamilton Hall (for those previously notified)	Thursday 17 October
Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day. (Only those students that have attended an enrolment interview will be eligible to attend).	Monday 25 November
Uniform pop-up store in Hamilton Hall	Tuesday 26 November 12PM-6PM, Wednesday 27 November, 8AM-1PM
Last day of school Term	Friday 13 December